

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
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OPTICAL DISC, OPTICAL DISC DRIVE,
AND OPTICAL DISC PLAYBACK METHOD
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 8-10, 17-19, 21, 24-28, and 33 as follows.

8. (Amended) An optical disc drive as described in claim 2, wherein the detection value output by the convergence detection means is the result of the photodetection means detecting peak and valley preprints preformed to plural locations in one revolution of continuous tracks on the optical disc.

9. (Amended) An optical disc drive as described in claim 2, wherein the detection value output by the convergence detection means is the result of the photodetection means detecting guide grooves preformed on the optical disc.